



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE TAXOTERE LITIGATION GROUP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership limited to AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, Leaders Forum, or Life members and qualified AAJ Paralegal Affiliates. A Paralegal Affiliate may only join if an AAJ Regular, Sustaining, Life, President's Club, or Leader's Forum member from the same firm is also member of the Taxotere Litigation Group. If you are not a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), please also complete the membership application at the end of this application.)

## Membership Requirements and Purpose Statement

Any AAJ Regular, Sustaining, President's Club, or Life member or qualifies AAJ Paralegal Affiliate may join the Taxotere Litigation Group if the applicant affirms those requirements set forth in the Taxotere Litigation Group Membership Affidavit.

The purposes of the Taxotere Litigation Group are as follows:

1. To encourage the exchange of information among members of the group for the common benefit of all Litigation Group members and their clients;
2. To provide educational programs relating to Taxotere litigation;
3. To provide networking opportunities through AAJ list servers and educational programs;
4. To provide pleadings, medical literature, research, internal company documents (to the extent permissible under confidentiality agreements), expert information, and other materials;
5. To offer assistance and guidance concerning the coordination of state litigation and MDL litigation, if applicable;
6. To have members work together for the common purpose of litigating Taxotere cases successfully; and
7. To attract new members to the American Association for Justice and the Taxotere Litigation Group.

## Membership Dues:

\$300 for first member

\$100 for each member from the same firm (no firm paying more than \$400).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AAJ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

This must be included in your application. If you do not know your number, call AAJ at 202.965.3500 or 800.424.2725, ext. 8611.

Year Admitted to Practice: \_\_\_\_\_ State Bar #: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Area: \_\_\_\_\_

If joining as a Paralegal member, please include your AAJ sponsoring attorney's AAJ ID#, name, and signature.

AAJ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership:

Regular       Sustaining       President's Club       Leaders Forum       Life       Paralegal Affiliate

Your application for group membership is not complete until you have submitted your application, signed affidavit, and dues payment. Enclose a check made payable to the **AAJ Taxotere Litigation Group Fund**. Send check, application and affidavit to:

Karen Barth Menzies  
Gibbs Law Group LLP  
505 14th St., Ste. 1110  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Phone: 510/350-9700  
kbm@classlawgroup.com

*If we need to contact you to service your membership record or to provide you with information about member products and services and advocacy and legislative updates, we will honor your contact preferences. By providing your contact information, including phone number, fax number, and email address, you consent and give permission for AAJ to contact you by any of those means, which may include calls to your mobile phone, faxes, or emails. You may contact AAJ at any time to change your preferences.*



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE  
**TAXOTERE LITIGATION GROUP**  
MEMBERSHIP AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm:

1. A) I am a Regular, Life, President's Club, Leaders Forum, or Sustaining member or Paralegal Affiliate of the American Association for Justice (AAJ) in good standing. My AAJ Membership Number is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member in good standing of the bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.  
B) I am not currently a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), but I am including my application to join. I am a member in good standing of the following bar(s) of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Neither I, nor anyone from my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, defends or otherwise represents (including all forms of transactional work) any pharmaceutical or medical device manufacturers or any organization or group that represents the interest of pharmaceutical or medical device manufacturers or other similar companies. Neither I, nor anyone of my firm or anyone affiliated with my firm, engages in pharmaceutical, products liability, or personal injury defense.
3. Neither my practice nor my firm's practice, in whole or meaningful part, has a significant relationship with interests adverse to, or inconsistent to, those of AAJ or the Taxotere Litigation Group.
4. I desire to work in concert with other member attorneys representing plaintiffs in similar Taxotere cases in cooperative effort to assist in achieving our common interests to prepare and fairly resolve individual cases properly.
5. I will not disclose any portion of, or any copies of, any information obtained from this Group to any company involved with Taxotere or affiliate entity, their agents, employees, independent contractors, or to any person, firm or entity where the materials may be seen, copied, accessed, or otherwise reached by any Taxotere related entity or person or affiliated entities.
6. I will not make recordings of any Taxotere Litigation Group meetings or proceedings or any portion thereof without the written permission of the Chair or Cochairs.
7. I will fully and candidly share relevant information, documents, and other materials with other members of the Taxotere Litigation Group.
8. I will not disclose information of a strategic nature to non-members if such disclosure would compromise the interests of members and their clients who are victims of Taxotere.
9. I will not share, show, reveal, or disclose any information, documents, index, or materials obtained from the Taxotere Litigation Group, its members, or the AAJ Exchange, nor will I distribute the information unless ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction.
10. I will notify the Chair or Cochairs of the Taxotere Litigation Group if any request is made to obtain the Index or any materials obtained from or through Taxotere Litigation Group, and I will resist such attempts.
11. I understand that there will be a dues obligation to the Litigation Group, initially \$300 for the first member of a firm, and \$100 for each additional attorney from the same firm (with no firm paying more than \$400), but subject to reasonably necessary increases from time to time.
12. I understand that my initial and continued membership in this Litigation Group is contingent upon the payment of dues, membership in AAJ, membership in good standing of the Bar, and my ongoing commitment to the principles and representations made above on which I fully appreciate that my colleagues are strictly relying.
13. I understand that I am not entitled as a matter of right to be a member of this Litigation Group nor do I have any obligation to join, and that I will be entitled to remain in this Group only to the extent that I fully comply with the above written representations and subject to the prevailing rules, regulations, and guidelines for AAJ Litigation Groups in general and the Taxotere Litigation Group in particular.
14. By joining this Litigation Group and providing my contact information, including email address, I consent and give permission for AAJ to add me to the corresponding AAJ Litigation Group list server to receive emails from AAJ members and AAJ on the list server.

I HEREBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF. I FURTHER AGREE THAT IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS KNOWINGLY AND PURPOSEFULLY VIOLATED, THAT MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE ANTITRUST LITIGATION GROUP SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY TERMINATED, AND THAT I MAY BE SUBJECT TO ETHICAL AND DISCIPLINARY CHARGES.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, Year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name



# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE MEMBERSHIP FORM

To be completed if not a current member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ).

## I. AAJ Affiliation Requirements

Do you, for the most part, based on case load and time, represent the:

- Plaintiff (in civil cases and/or the defendant in criminal cases)—*Regular Member*
- Defense (in civil cases)—*Associate Member (Not eligible for membership in the Litigation Group)*

I support AAJ’s mission, am dedicated to upholding and defending the principles of the United States Constitution, and am committed to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Annual Dues and Payments

REGULAR AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than one year .....\$50  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 20 years.....\$450 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 5 years .....\$110  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 25 years.....\$550 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 10 years .....\$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice 25 years or more .....\$610  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney in practice less than 15 years .....\$340 | <input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal Affiliate .....\$75                     |

## III. Payment (For AAJ membership payment only)

Separate payment is required for membership to the Litigation Group, see Section A.

- Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my:  MasterCard  VISA  American Express  Discover

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*DUES COVER 12 MONTHS OF MEMBERSHIP AND INCLUDE A ONE-YEAR MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION OF TRIAL MAGAZINE (\$45). MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE (AAJ) ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES. HOWEVER, DUES MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AS ORDINARY AND NECESSARY BUSINESS DUES AND EXPENSES SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED AS A RESULT OF AAJ’S LOBBYING ACTIVITIES. AAJ ESTIMATES THAT THE PORTION OF DUES AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS THAT IT EXPECTS TO RECEIVE THAT ARE ALLOCABLE TO AAJ’S LOBBYING EXPENDITURES IS 37 PERCENT. ACCORDINGLY, CURRENTLY 63 PERCENT OF YOUR DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO AAJ MAY BE DEDUCTED AS ORDINARY AND NECESSARY BUSINESS EXPENSES. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR TO CONFIRM.

IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU TO SERVICE YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD OR TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AND ADVOCACY AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, WE WILL HONOR YOUR CONTACT PREFERENCES. BY PROVIDING YOUR PREFERRED CONTACT PREFERENCES, INCLUDING PHONE NUMBER, FAX NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS, YOU CONSENT AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR AAJ TO CONTACT YOU BY ANY OF THOSE MEANS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE CALLS TO YOUR MOBILE PHONE, FAXES, OR EMAILS. YOU MAY CONTACT AAJ BY EMAIL AT MEMBERSHIP@JUSTICE.ORG OR BY PHONE AT 800-424-2727 OR 202-965-3500, EXT. 8611 AT ANY TIME TO CHANGE YOUR PREFERENCES.